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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004 for three (3) months from December 24, 2004 to March 24, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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